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#5 wherein the sleeve prevents exchange of microorganisms between the two persons while the two persons are engaged in the act of French kissing.

REMARKS

This is meant to constitute a complete response to the Final Office Action mailed February 26, 1997, in which claims 23, 24, 28-32, 36-40, and 42-46 were rejected and 25-27, 33-35 and 41 were objected to.

The Examiner stated in the Final Office Action of February 26, 1997 that Claims 25-27, 33-35, and 41 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 25-27, 33-35, and 41 have been incorporated into their parent independent claims and that all the claims, independent as well as dependent, are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that claims 23, 24, 26-32, 34-40, and 42-46 be passed to issue.

Drawings

The Examiner has requested that formal drawings be submitted in the pending application. Applicant herein submits formal drawings. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that claims 23-24, 26-32, 34-40, and 42-46 be passed to issue.

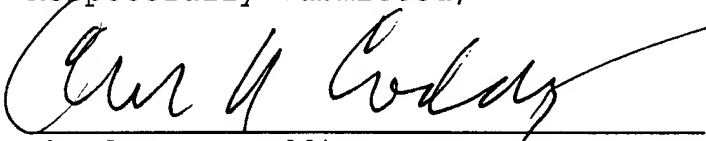
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is Applicant's belief that the claims now present in the application are patentable over the art of record and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw each and every rejection to such claims and pass same to issue.

This is intended to be a complete and full response to the Final Office Action of February 26, 1997. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the claims presented herewith or any other matters relating to the application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at his convenience to discuss same.

Respectfully submitted,



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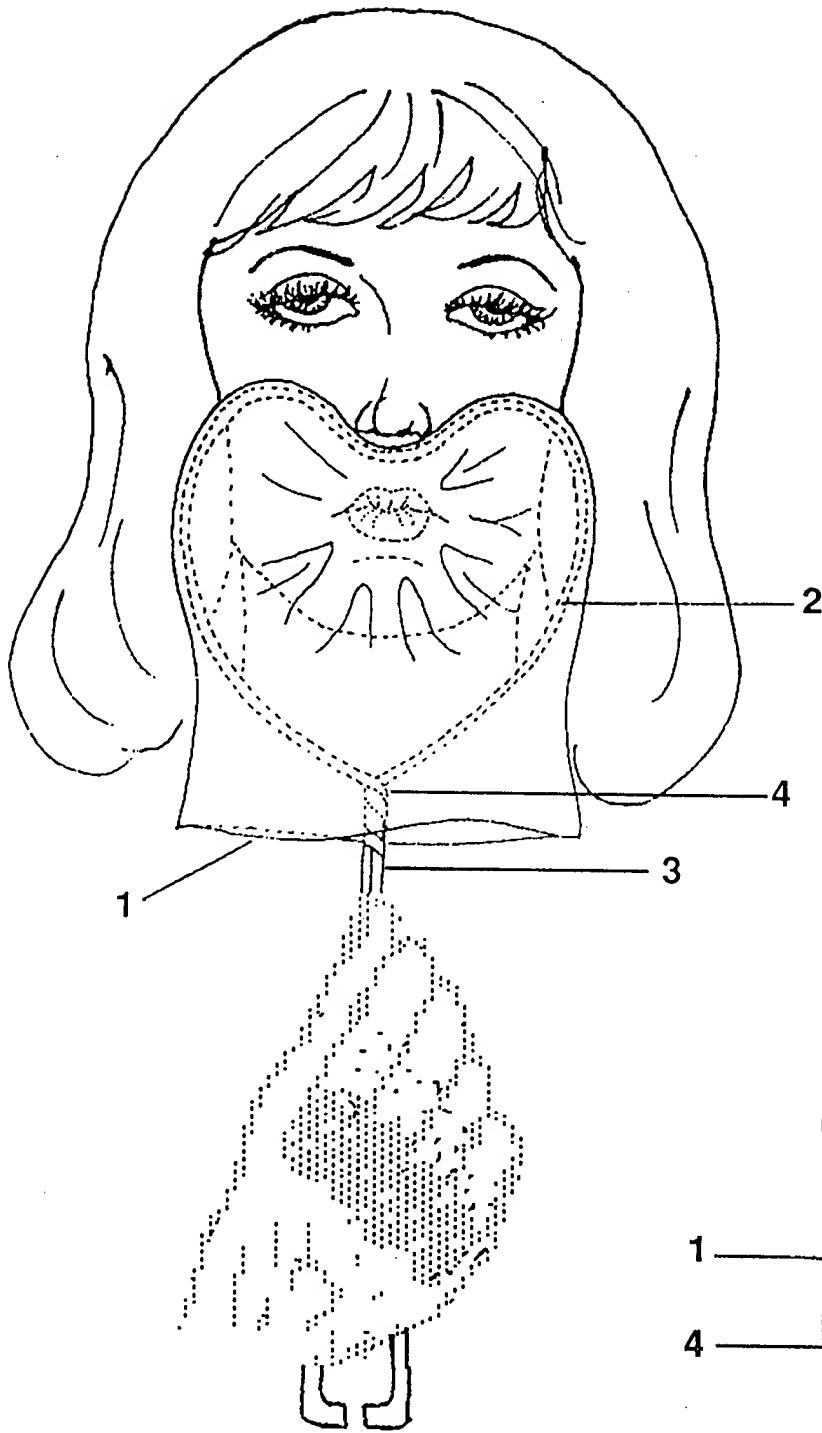


Fig. 1

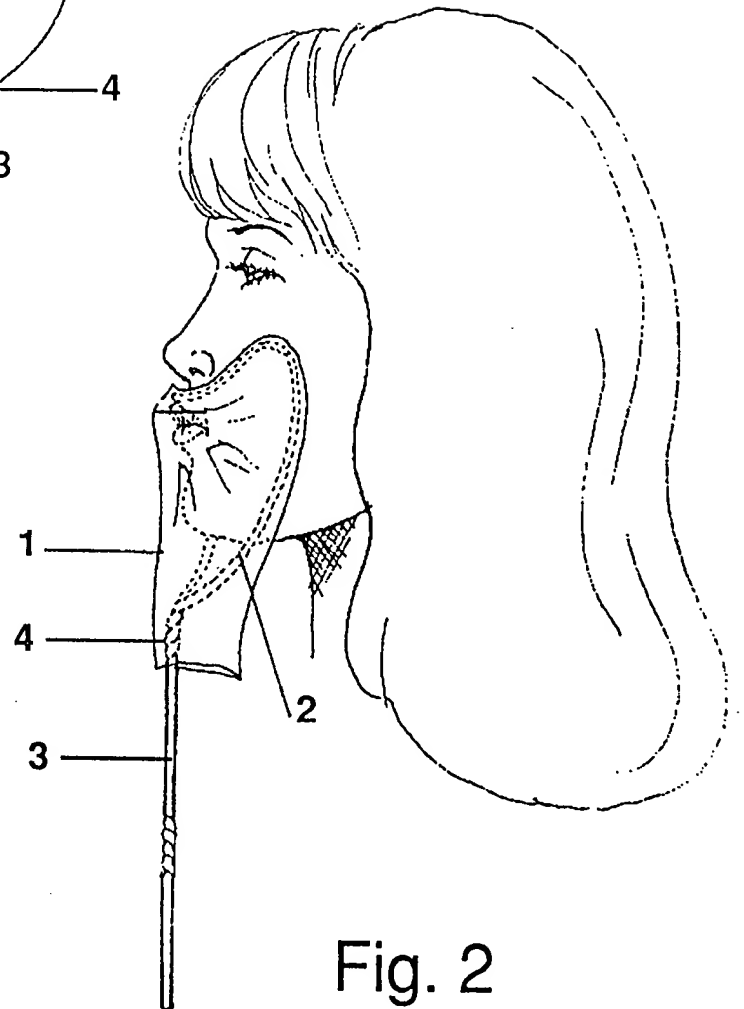
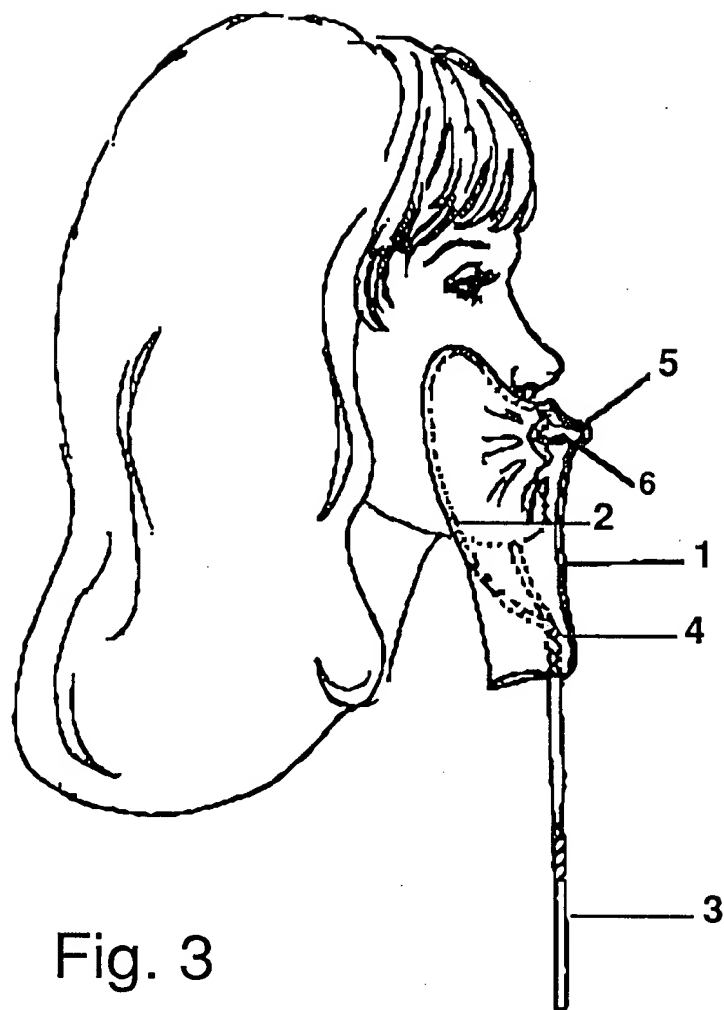


Fig. 2



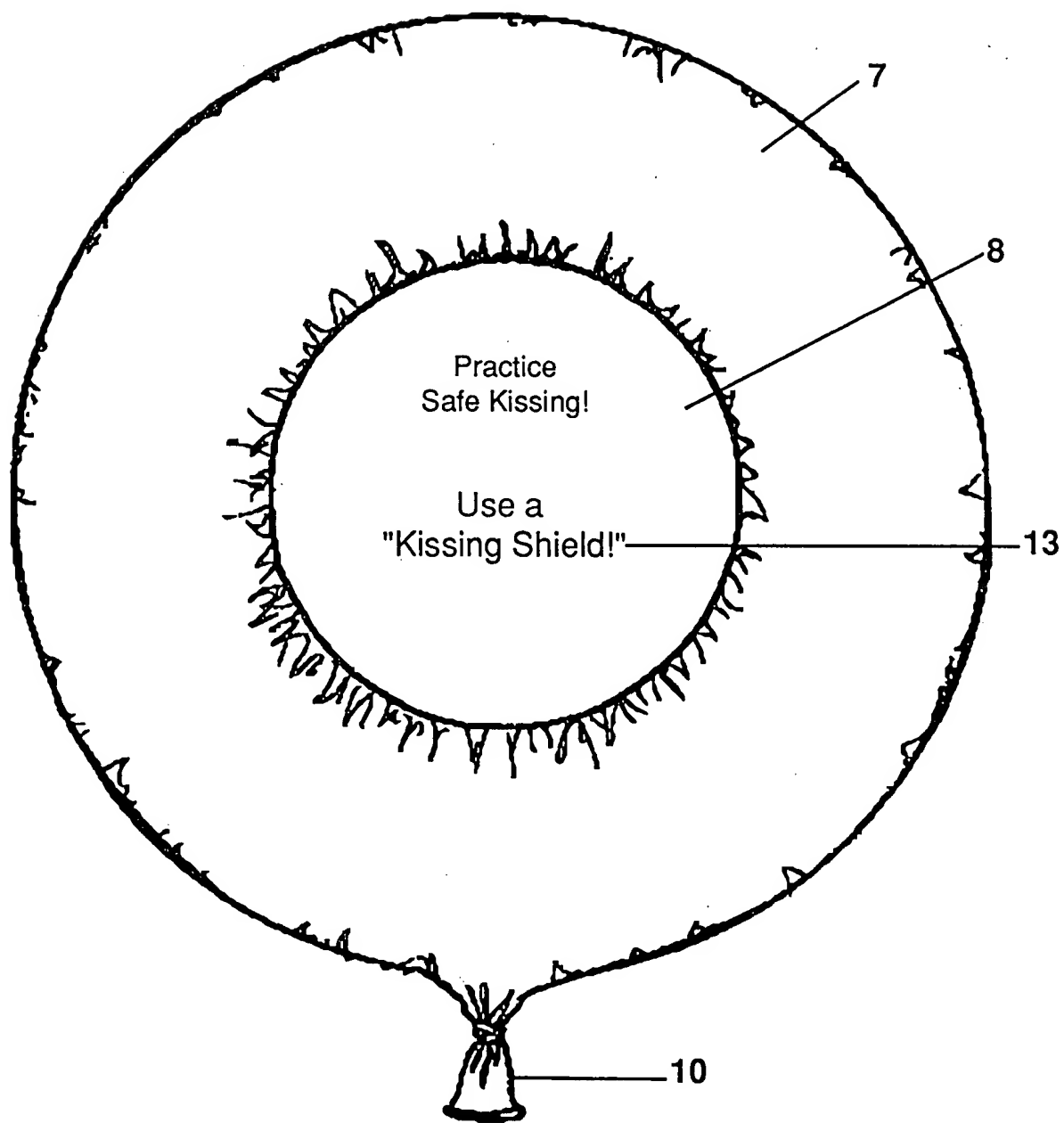


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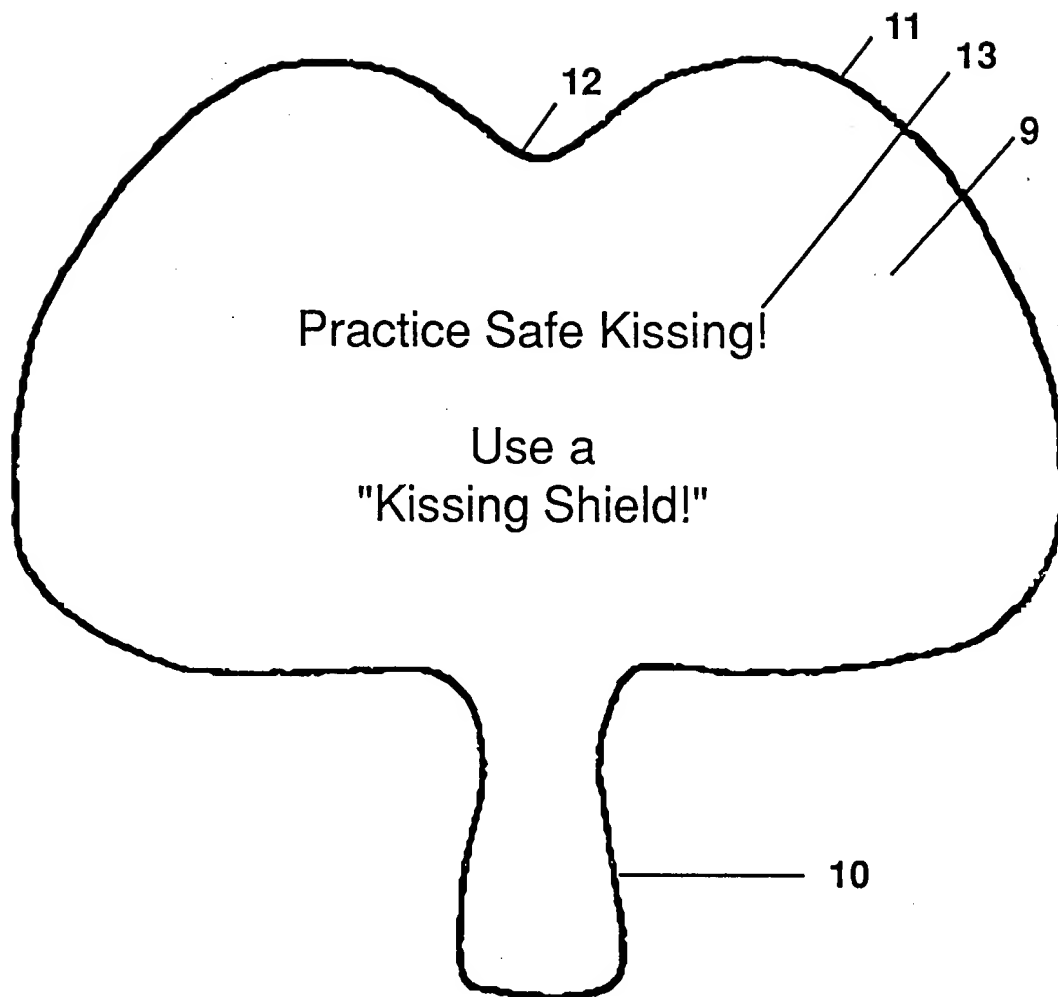


Fig. 5